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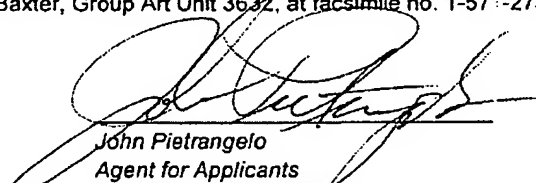
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before September 16, 2006, this Response is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.